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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## URGENT DEMAND FOR SWORD SOUL-WINNING LITERATURE

APPEALS FROM MISSIONARY GROUPS IN JAPAN, INDIA, AFRICA, SPAIN, GERMANY, AND IN U. S. ARMY FOR "WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?" PAMPHLET AND OTHERS IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES. \$4,000 NEEDED AT ONCE

By Editor John R. Rice

The Lord has opened wide the doors of opportunity for soul winning in all the continents of the world, for us here at the Sword of the Lord and for those who cooperate with us in getting out the gospel. I am amazed at the way God is prospering our soul-winning literature and at the increasing demand among missionaries and soul-winning workers in many nations for this life-transforming, soul-saving material. Many pleas are coming from missionaries of eight or ten different mission groups in Japan.

In India, workers in three different languages are pleading urgently that we help them to get the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?", to the dying millions in their territories before these people are won over to communism or before they die without Christ. In different parts of Africa missionaries are using "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" with great blessing and are asking for thousands more copies. In Portugal, we have promised \$500 for printing literature as soon as possible, and that is only a drop in the bucket. Many thousands of copies of the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?", translated into Spanish, are being smuggled into Spain through missionary sources which we will not name now, and are doing great good, as letters to us indicate. And missionaries in Spain are begging for literature and the Spanish Christian Mission is urging us to help them print many thousands of copies on secret presses in Spain. Meantime, letters keep coming from those in the armed forces in Korea telling how they found Christ through our literature and asking for more copies. I want you to read some of these letters with

me, and I want you to consider with me their earnest appeal. What ought we to do about these open doors? We who talk so much about wishing we could win souls and wondering why lost people will not hear the gospel, and why they will not go to church—what are we going to do about all these people who are eagerly waiting to read the story of Christ and the plan of salvation, if we will give it to them? I want you to help me know what to do, help me to do whatever we ought to do. Please read with me the letters which I will give you now.

**Japanese Missionary Committee Pleads for 300,000 Copies More of "What Must I Do to Be Saved?"**

A letter written June 28, 1951, by Missionary Kenneth G. McVety from the Evangelical Alliance Mission, 473 Kugahara Machi, Ota ku, Tokyo, Japan, says:

"Dear Brother Rice: Your note of June 15 has been received. Arrangements have already been made to provide at least 25,000 copies of the booklets, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' (Continued on page 3)

### THE EDITOR'S Notes

by John R. Rice

WE ARE IN THE Sword of the Lord Conference on Revival and Soul Winning at Lake Louise, Toccoa, Georgia. It is Tuesday, July 10. We have the largest attendance in this first twenty-four hours of the conference that we have ever had at this place. We have had wonderful messages by Dr. Lee Roberson of Chattanooga, and others, and melting, transporting music! God has been very near, and already there have been tears and confessions and holy vows on the part of many. I noted that there were this morning more than fifty preachers in the services, and people are here from fifteen or sixteen states.

PLEASE DO NOT MISS the next conferences on revival and soul winning, sponsored by The Sword of the Lord, August 5-10 we will be at Latham Springs, near Aquilla, Texas, Baptist Encampment Ground, some fifteen miles north of Waco. We have a fine program. Do not fail to hear Dr. Fred Jarvis, Dr. Sam Morris, Evangelist Bill Rice, this humble editor, and others, and to take part in the blessings God will give us there.

AT SILOAM SPRINGS, ARKANSAS, Aug. 12-17 friends will gather from far and near to the Baptist State Assembly Grounds where the Sword Conference on Revival and Soul Winning meets after the Texas conference. The big tabernacle will be crowded, we trust. The program will be wonderful, with Evangelist E. J. Daniels, Dr. Fred Jarvis of Japan, Dr. Sam Morris of San Antonio, (Continued on page 3)

## All Hope Gone And Yet Saved

By the late William Edward Biederwolf

"All hope that we should be saved was then taken away."—Acts 27:20.

This whole twenty-seventh chapter of Acts is given up to the story of a shipwreck. Paul was on his way to Rome, a prisoner in chains, to stand before Caesar. They had reached Fair Havens, a beautiful port, and instead of sailing on as they ought to have done while the weather was favorable, they hung around in the harbor until one day the captain gave orders to get ready for departure.

Paul knew that it was about time for the equinoctial storms and that the old boat in which they were sailing wasn't fit for rough sea, so he advised the captain to remain in port for a better sailing season. He said, "Sirs, I perceive this voyage will be with hurt and much damage"; but the captain would have his own way. He remarked, "This landlubber of a preacher may do pretty well for a pulpit, but he doesn't know a square-yard from a cross-jack when it comes to a ship," and he gave command to weigh anchor, and in a little while they were out to sea.

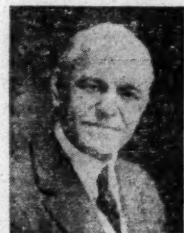
Nevertheless, Paul was right and the captain wrong. Luke tells us that "Not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind called 'Euroclydon,'" a regular nor'easter, which caught the vessel and tossed it like a cork from wave to wave. And when they couldn't control the ship they struck sail and let her drive. Every hour the storm increased; the elements vied with each other to see which could do the worst. The winds howled and the waves clapped their hands in fiendish delight; the moon and the stars went out and they were lost in darkness as black as Plutonian night. Then the lightning flashed. It struck the waves with jagged sheets of flame as if to lash them on in their fury, and lent them a lurid, ghastly smile like fiendish devils gloating in the work of destruction; and then shooting back to heaven, left them in deeper darkness, and all hope that they would be saved was taken away.

It doesn't say that every man prayed to his God or not, but I'll miss my guess if they didn't. That's what you did when you got into trouble and then said, "Good-by" to God when you got out. No time for God when the sun shines, but let the storm come and then knees bend, and as Mrs. Browning wrote,

"And lips say, 'God be pitiful,' Lips cry, 'God be merciful' That ne'er said 'God be praised.'"

Paul went to them and told them that his God, the God he knew so well, the God for whom he had suffered so much, and for whose sake he was ready to die under the lash of the ocean's fury, or by decree of the imperial Caesar—it made no difference—his God had said to him that there should be no loss of life.

Still the vessel drove on and when they dropped the sounding lines they found the sea only fifteen fathoms deep. Driving headlong upon the rocks—two hundred



Dr. Wm. Biederwolf

and seventy-six souls! It did look as though the old preacher was talking through the back of his head.

But one thing was left to do. Overboard with the cargo! Lighten the ship! Let her ride as high as possible! And away they go like chaff before a cyclone, steering straight for a little inlet just in sight. She strikes, and smash, bang! comes the thundering surge against the larboard and the whole stern end goes to pieces. No one knows just how it happened, but leaping from timber to plank, going down beneath the hissing waters as if never to rise again, swimming, floating on boards and broken pieces of the ship, they came to shore. They wrung their dripping beards and dried their briny garments, and when the count was made two hundred and seventy-six souls, every last one, from whom all hope had been taken away, was

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## General Ridgway and Mission Work

In a letter last week to David H. Johnson, general director of The Evangelical Alliance Mission, General Matthew B. Ridgway gave a clear-cut statement of his policy on mission work in Japan, which will hearten Christians of America who are disturbed over the dismissal of General MacArthur from the Far East Command. General Ridgway promised TEAM's director his utmost cooperation in the carrying on of mission work in Japan.

The full text of the general's letter follows: "Dear Mr. Johnson: Please express to the members of your organization my sincere appreciation for the special greeting which you extended to me in your letter of June 6. I am fully conscious of the great work which your missionaries are carrying on in Japan, and you may be

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## Jacob, the Deceiver, Becomes a Prince

By Evangelist G. Covell Keenum, Decatur, Alabama

"And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there. And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved. And as he passed over Peniel the sun rose upon him, and he halted upon his thigh. Therefore the children of Israel eat not of the sinew which shrank, which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank."—Gen. 32:24-32.

Jacob and his experiences may be viewed from two chief view points: as a picture of the believer, and as a type of the Jewish nation. We shall consider only one—the picture of the believer. It is very interesting to mark how each of the patriarchs foreshadowed some distinct truth in the believer.

In Abraham we see the truth of divine sovereignty, and the life of faith; in Isaac divine sonship and the life of submission; in Jacob divine grace, and the life of conflict.

In Abraham we have election; in Isaac the new birth; in Jacob the manifestation of the two natures. We have Abraham, the chosen object of God's sovereign purpose; then Isaac, the son born supernaturally, the heir of the Father's house; then Jacob, the servant. The Devil would place sonship at the end of a long line of service; but God places it at the very beginning.

Man says serve God in order to become his son; but God says,

You must first be My son in order to serve me acceptably.

For our outline may we consider first, Jacob wandered from God; second, Jacob wrestled with God; third, Jacob walked with God.

### I. Jacob Wandered From God

#### A. He Deceived His Father

"And he came unto his father, and said, My father: and he said, (Continued on page 9)



Evangelist G. Covell Keenum

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# GETTING A HARD CASE SAVED

By Evangelist John R. Rice

"And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house. And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them. And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? And immediately when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts? Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house. And immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion."—Mark 2:1-12.

## I. The Background of a Great Revival

What a stir there was in Capernaum that day, when Jesus returned from a preaching tour of Galilee, healing and working miracles. When it became known that Jesus was in the house, "straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door; and he preached the word unto them."

Here were thrilling elements of every great revival season. First, there were crowds. Always great crowds of people gather when there is a blessed, wide-spread, miracle-working moving of the Spirit of God in a revival. Crowds estimated at 20,000 sometimes, heard John Wesley preach in the open air, and similar crowds heard Whitefield in England and in America. Moody's London campaign was carried on in great sheet-iron tabernacles, seating about 11,000 people. And sometimes the building would be filled twice in the same evening, with different crowds, and overflows were common! The giant tabernacle meetings of Billy Sunday were another illustration of revival crowds. That is the way it was in Bible times. All Israel was gathered to Mount Carmel when Elijah prayed and God gave fire from Heaven. When John the Baptist preached repentance, by the river Jordan, "then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan, and were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins" (Matt. 3:5, 6). We do not know how many people there were at Pentecost who heard Peter and others preach, but some 3,000 were saved and baptized (Acts 2:41). Thus the gospel of Luke says, "As he was teaching, that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judaea, and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was present to heal them" (Luke 5:17), and the same passage in Luke, Luke 5:19, says they could not bring in the paralytic man "because of the multitude." Crowds go with revivals.

It is true that counting numbers may be offensive; it may be boastful or it may be exaggeration, but great crowds gathered to hear the Word of God are a joy unspeakable to every true preacher of God. The Bible is never sensitive about the telling of crowds. And where the power of God is manifested, and where Christian people join with the preacher in doing their part, God gives great

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crowds in revival seasons. It is sinful and wicked for the churches to be content that theaters, ball parks, football stadiums, and race tracks should have the big crowds and pattering preachers drone their platitudes to indifferent handfuls of people. If crowds will not come to the churches, then let us go where the crowds are, as did Wesley, Whitefield and Moody. May God give us the compassionate heart that Christ had for the uneasy, fermenting multitudes. Preachers should strive as hard to reach the multitudes as do boxing promoters, World's Fair officials, baseball managers, and department store executives. To be contented with a small dribble of humanity that comes to our churches, when the masses of the people are going to Hell, is an unspeakable crime on the part of churches and preachers. We need a vision about crowds, then we need to use every method, new and old, to reach them with the gospel and especially to assemble them for great revival services.

What a sensation there was in Capernaum! How different this crowd was from the ordinary church congregation. Pressing eagerly to get a glimpse of Jesus, listening intently for His words, expecting miracles, asking questions! Pharisees and scribes hoped to trap Him, felt a burning hatred grow. Blind, dumb and lame drew near, expecting to be healed. It was informal, unorganized. Such a stir would be unpopular in most churches today.

When pastors write out recommendations for evangelists (the kind of evangelists who must have recommendations to get meetings), they usually take pains to say, "Our brother is entirely safe and sane and uses no clap-trap methods" (whatever that may mean). And the evangelist shows this recommendation to others, prints it in a leaflet, perhaps, to send out, so that other churches which do not want any sensation, will invite the evangelist who promises not to stir them up very much, not to arouse any criticism, not to disturb unduly their peaceful deadness!

But when Jesus preached at Capernaum, the whole affair was sensational. The crowds, the sermon subjects, the interruptions, the questions, the breaking open of the roof in the midst of His discourse, the criticisms of His enemies, the praises of those blessed—how it would have disturbed the average modern church where there is hardly an amen to disturb the quietness, where soft music plays while the pastor prays in dulcet tones and where the ushers themselves keep exact step as they march to the front, two and two, and where the people know in advance when to stand and when to sit, when to sing the Doxology and when to say the Lord's Prayer! How the dry bones of the average church would rattle if Jesus preached in it and if His crowds came and if His works were made manifest as they were in Capernaum that day! O God, wake us out of this sleep of

death. O God, let us hear again the moans of travail and the birth-cry of spiritual children! I would rather have a church with infidels come to criticize the preacher as did those Pharisees, and with curious on-lookers gaping at the spectacle of lame men walking, and have every sermon broken up by the frantic efforts of burdened soul winners to get someone saved, as did these four who broke up the roof—I say I would rather have all that, than to have the quiet, undisturbed, beautiful deadness which is in the average church service.

The kind of preaching which never makes anybody angry, never seems fanatical, never is criticized by the scribes and Pharisees, will not draw crowds. And preaching that is not sensational—on death, Hell, Heaven, judgment and the wrath of God—pertinent, personal, tactless, abandoned preaching, will never draw such crowds nor save them when they come.

But the best element of this revival season was the power. As Luke said, "The power of the Lord was present to heal them" (Luke 5:17).

The crowds and the sensation are only incidental besides this one main factor in revivals—the miracle-working power of God! There was convicting power. The words of the Saviour were like a two-edged sword. "Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" says Jeremiah 23:29. And so were the words of Jesus. O God, pity us powerless preachers! Of what use is it to talk to preachers about crowds until they have power? Without power, instead of the true sensationalism of the Holy Ghost—when men preach on earth-shaking themes, when lips quiver, when tears fall, when conscience burns, when Satan fights hard, when souls surrender and are saved, and all Heaven rings with joy—instead of such holy sensations, when there is no power, there will be wire-pulling, there will be advertising tricks, there will be worldly wise-cracking, there will be cheap vaudeville. I do not care what methods men use, just so the Holy Spirit of God is the stage-manager. What we need in all of our services is the miracle-working power of God. Men should sell all their pearls to buy this one.

In every great revival movement, there comes a remarkable wave of answered prayers, and even miraculous healings. Men's faith blossoms largely. Requests long postponed are pressed to God's attention and are granted. Men's bodies are often healed, homes are often reunited, and wondrous things happen when the power of God is present. Here, when Jesus preached in Capernaum, that mighty power healed the sick as well as saving souls. In fact, this palsied man was healed to prove that he was saved. I want no pretense of healing without the power of God, and I do not favor the professional exploitation of the sick which some so-called "divine healing" cults use to get crowds and money. I know that God does not always heal the sick. That is not always God's will. But, bless God, He sometimes does heal the sick, and He would heal the sick far more often if there were a blessed revival of faith and surrender and giving God His sweet way!

The crowds, the sensational stirring, and the mighty power of God were present in this revival.

## II. They Brought Him

"And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four."

Out of one corner of my eye I see the sedate Pharisees, gathered from all over Judaea and Galilee, critically watching the young prophet, as they thought, but our Lord, the Saviour. The twelve disciples must have been gathered near-by, but I have no eye for them, nor for all the teeming multitudes that cram every room of the house, and blocks every door and every window and fills the

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# "World Gospel Crusades,"

Story of—(Mrs. Chas. E.) Cowman

For a quarter of a century the gracious privilege has been mine of greeting thousands of Christians; yea, tens of thousands through *Streams In The Desert* the daily-devotional book now so widely read by a multitude, it being in a number of languages. My calling has been that of a missionary to foreign fields, to which my time for the past half-century—fifty years—has been devoted.

In our early Christian days, (ere my beloved companion reached Home), the book bearing the title, *The Evangelization of the World in our Generation*, by Dr. John R. Mott—was placed in our hands. It was used by the Holy Spirit in helping us to respond to the call to the regions beyond. Our first fields of service were in the Far East: Japan, Korea, and China—where a number of years were spent in establishing Bible seminaries and indigenous churches, thus evangelizing through a trained-native ministry. This foundation work is necessary in every nation, but it does not fully answer the need of reaching "every creature" (Mark 16:15).

My companion, so widely known through the book, *Charles Cowman, Missionary Warrior*, believed that God's commands are also His enablings and that His commission to "go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature!" was to be literally obeyed.

It was after a night spent in prayer that the call came to him to gather a company of men whose hearts God had touched, and by faith begin the evangelization, first, of Japan, by going from home to home with portions of the Word of God. This kind of evangelism was something quite new at that time, and the idea took like fire, and one hundred marked men responded to the call. Among them were a dozen missionaries who led the campaign groups. Five full years were spent in reaching the 10,320,000 homes of the Mikado's empire. We feel safe in saying that since Pentecost there was never such an intense program. The entire nation was aroused; cities, towns, and villages were stirred; for every night great evangelistic services were held, thousands hearing the Word of God for the first time and responding to the appeal to seek the living and true God. Multitudes turned from their idols! Not a tithe of the result will be known until eternity dawns.

At the close of this historic five years, the Crusade Leader, Charles Cowman, returned to the Homeland to "rest"—No! to suffer, for six long years. The gigantic task of these years had proved too great for the physical, and with an over-strained heart and worn-out body he thus was compelled to return home—never to regain his strength. Do you question, "Why?" We must allow the Master to keep His own secrets!

It was during those years that the possibility of reaching every nation with a similar crusade was intensified. As it had been accomplished in one nation, could it not also be in the whole wide world? One night, while sitting through the long hours with his Christian physician, Charles Cowman was given the vision, and the call! The words, "GO YE TO EVERY CREATURE!" seemed to be emblazoned in letters of fire! God had spoken, and His command must be obeyed! Maps of many countries of the world were secured; crusades were planned for each; missionary leaders were contacted by letter—everywhere was set into motion for a great, world-wide Gospel crusade! Night and day the vision burned. It burned out a valuable life!

But the vision did not die! "Greatheart is dead they say; But the light shall burn the brighter, And the night shall be the lighter For his going; And a rich, rich harvest for his sowing."

(John Oxenham).

And it lives today! During the twenty-seven years that have passed since the Warrior's Homecall, twenty-eight nations have been visited, where were met outstanding leaders who also caught the vision of

World evangelization in our generation. "STREAMS IN THE DESERT" became the key for making this vision known.

In 1948 the birth of the "Season The World With The Gospel" banks became the God-wrought way of activating and putting wings to the vision—for this last, great hour in the history of the world; for fulfilling this vision which throughout the years had been slowly expanding. Who could have dreamed of the method which God was going to use for this gigantic task! Just as the loaves and fishes were multiplied under the Divine touch of God to feed a multitude, so these little banks were to become the recipients of miracle pennies.

Our hearts are filled to the overflowing measure with praises to God as we pause to consider that since the "Season The World With The Gospel" had its miraculous birth—less than three years ago—to date, thousands of precious saints have joined hands and hearts with us and become members of our Penny-a-Meal family, and thus, are sharers of the spoil and the increasing harvest of souls, through their missionary pennies—one each meal—placed in their banks, and periodically sent in, to purchase Bibles for the World Gospel Crusades.

Thus, the "Season The World With The Gospel" had its miraculous birth, and today continues to be the channel through which the WORLD GOSPEL CRUSADES operates.

By faith in our miracle-working God, and you of His children upon whom He is dependent—we have promised to send during 1951 over two million Gospels and hundreds of thousands of Bibles and Testaments to seventeen different nations.

Are you asking how this vast number of scriptures can be purchased through little Penny-a-Meal banks? Let us remember that, "Little is much when God is in it!"

Seed for the furrow! Sow it! The crop? You may never know it.

But anon shall the reaper come To gather the harvest home. A thought to humble, yet cheer: We are sowers for God's Great Year.

—E. H. Blakeney

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ed?" with their name and address imprinted, to the Pocket Testament League. Several other groups have also asked for large numbers with their respective addresses imprinted, and these requests are all being filled.

"I am sorry there has been a slight delay with this new edition, but we are expecting the finished work to be delivered within a few days. We delayed the work by taking time for some slight revisions in the text (especially simplifying some portions) and arranging for a new cover design (patterned after the English edition.) I think the revisions will definitely add to the usefulness of the booklet. These things were discussed with our brother, Timothy Pietsch, before the changes were made.

"With prices rising so rapidly, and future conditions here in Japan so uncertain, it would seem wise, if at all possible, to put out another edition soon of at least 300,000 copies. This will cost approximately \$2,000. We have good prospects of being able to buy suitable paper at a very reasonable price during the next few weeks, so will be rejoicing indeed if the Lord should supply further funds for this booklet soon.

"Thank you again for your interest in the Gospel ministry here in Japan. It is wonderful to know that the various books and booklets are indeed bearing fruit for eternity."

(Signed) Kenneth G. McVety.

I remind readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD that we have been furnishing this booklet in Japanese to eight great missionary groups, including the Evangelical Alliance Mission, Youth for Christ, Conservative Baptists, the Far Eastern Crusade, Christian and Missionary Alliance, Pocket Testament League, and others that I cannot think of at this moment. Dr. Fred Jarvis, a wonderful man of God and missionary statesman, and our good friend, has taken a leading part in this work.

Missionary Gordon F. Rasmussen, of the Pocket Testament League, also from Tokyo, Japan, writes me July 3, 1951, as follows: "Dear Brother Rice:

"Thanks so much for your recent letter assuring us of additional supplies of the tract, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' This is a little booklet that has been very well received here in Japan, both for distribution on the street, and

in our case, as material for follow-up literature to those sending in decision slips from our Gospels of John.

"I immediately contacted Brother McVety, and inasmuch as they are making some corrections and improvements, he said that we could have a supply of 25,000 this week. In recent weeks and months, we have been using approximately two and three thousand each week in our postal follow-up ministry, so we thank you deeply for this contribution to the Japan work."

(Signed) Gordon F. Rasmussen

You will note that this Pocket Testament League ordinarily uses between two thousand and three thousand copies each week in follow-up of those who have read the Gospel of John, and they want other copies to distribute on the street. These 25,000 copies would last them only a few weeks in that case, and they will need more.

I have also a letter from a new missionary in Japan, Rev. James Frens, of Ando, 38-1 Chome, Shizuoka Shi, Japan. He writes: "Dear Dr. Rice:

"Being Bob Jones University Alumni, we were very happy to have our beloved Dr. Bob, Sr. with us here in Japan. I had the privilege of accompanying him for five days on an evangelistic trip to Osaka. While there we met a young college student on the train. He could not speak English too well, but enough to give us the directions we needed. Not being able to speak to him in Japanese, I gave him a copy of your tract, 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' After arriving home I received a letter from this young man which in part is:

"I am glad to write this letter for I have not been able to understand Christianity. So, I went to church (Catholic) one time with a friend of mine, but I could not understand it. But since I read the pamphlet that you gave me, I think I can understand a bit of it. Now my mind is clear and I want to know it more deeply. I recognize I am a criminal and believe Christ died on account of my sin. Just now I receive Him to be my personal Saviour. I depend on Him owing to my all crimes are allowed by Him, change my mind and believe to own a personal, permanent life which Christ promise."

"Since that time I have received two more letters from him. I recommended that he contact an-

other missionary couple living in Osaka. They wrote saying he had come to their home and seemed to undoubtedly be born again.

"We have had the privilege of distributing thousands of 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' and the Lord willing, we plan to give out many thousands more this summer."

(Signed) James Frens

The above is a sample of the kind of mail we are getting all the time from Japan. In fact, we have had a number of letters from individual Japanese, particularly Japanese pastors (about one thousand Japanese native pastors now get THE SWORD OF THE LORD by their specific written request. Some of us are helping to pay for these.)

It is quite evident that the 300,000 copies of 'What Must I Do to Be Saved?' which Brother McVety, speaking for the committee of missionaries, requests, is the least we could possibly do at this immediate time. And we ought to set out to spend thousands of more dollars soon in Japan.

We failed Japan before the war. God give us grace now to get the gospel to these open-hearted, hungry people before they are taken in by communists, and before the Japanese nation becomes set and hardened against God. We thank God for the administration of General Douglas MacArthur, and we thank God that General Ridgway, MacArthur's successor, has announced that he plans to carry on the same policy of encouraging missionary work. Now in Christ's dear name I beg all to help me pray, help me give, and help me work to reach as many as possible in that hungry land, while people read everything they can about Christianity, and while thousands want to know Jesus Christ as Saviour.

I want you to remember several things about this missionary work of free Christian literature sponsored by THE SWORD OF THE LORD. One thing is, that the work is in the hands of a very carefully-selected committee of missionaries and the work is carried on by the best Christian workers of several groups. No money is wasted. Those who claim Christ are carefully followed up. Of the genuineness of the results there can be no doubt. And it seems that this is the least expensive way in the world in which we can quickly get the gospel to millions of Japanese. Of course we are for all the missionary work of preaching and teaching, of training pastors and soul winners, of organizing churches, and carrying on the gospel work through regular

## The Editor's Notes

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Texas, Evangelist Bill Rice, Walt Handford, this editor, and others. Mr. and Mrs. Warren Steward will be in charge of the song service. There will be a great missionary day. Come if possible. Better make reservation ahead of time. It is camping out. Rates are inexpensive, cottages are simple. To each of these conferences—at Latham Springs, Aquilla, Texas, and at Baptist State Assembly Ground, Sildam Springs, Arkansas, you should bring your own pillow, sheets, covers, towels, comb, brush, mirror, etc. Great program, good meals, sweet fellowship, inexpensive vacations. God will meet us there.

A WORD OF EXPLANATION is in order. In my editor's notes two weeks ago were several mistakes. Money loaned to Sword of the Lord Foundation for printing of our books and expansion of the work pays four per cent interest, interest payable semi-annually. The work is being greatly blessed

channels. But in the dear Saviour's name, I beg you to get the gospel itself to people as rapidly as possible in print, while hearts are hungry and open to the gospel, in Japan.

### India Missionary Cables for Help in "Unexcelled Opportunities"

THE SWORD OF THE LORD readers will recall that not long ago Dr. Fred Jarvis, our friend and missionary statesman, returned from Japan by way of India. There in India, seeing the great need for literature, he talked with missionaries. A committee was formed to help get out the gospel in print to the hungry millions who read the Marathi language. A committee representing Conservative Baptists, Youth for Christ, Christian and Missionary Alliance, and some others, was formed. Missionary Joe Weatherly wrote to me, and I agreed that if a committee would supervise the printing and distribution, and if copies of the booklet would be made available to every sound, Bible-believing missionary group who wished to distribute it, I would help to finance it. SWORD OF THE LORD friends helped, and we sent \$1,081.00 to India for printing "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in the Marathi language.

Now, yesterday, July 9, I had a long distance call from my office, reaching me at Lake Louise, Toccoa, Georgia. My office told me that a cable came from Rev. Joe Weatherly saying:

"UNEXCELLED OPPORTUNITIES FOR PAPER IF INTERESTED IN EXPANSION. STRONGLY ADVISE PURCHASE NOW. CABLE REPLY."

I had my office cable Brother Weatherly that we would send \$1,000 within two weeks, that he should buy the paper and that we would follow the matter up as rapidly as possible, to send more money for this work.

Please remember that here is a committee of well-known missionaries representing four mission agencies, including the Evangelical Alliance Mission, Conservative Baptists, Youth for Christ, and Christian and Missionary Alliance; and that these godly and well-known men have agreed to supervise the printing and distribution. Good printing prices have been obtained. They can now buy the paper before the rapidly rising market price makes it prohibitive in price. They feel the need to spread this literature. So I have authorized them to buy the paper. And I want those of you who are burdened as I am for getting the gospel out in India, to help me send that \$1,000, and then, if possible, another \$1,000 soon to India, to this particular group who are doing the printing and distribution of The Sword literature in the Marathi language.

Meantime, I have heard quite frequently from Missionary Thomas P. Stuart, at Vellaram, Otapidaram, P.O., Madras, So. India. Brother Stuart has had the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" translated into the Tamil language and some copies have already been printed. He finds

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WANT AN EVANGELIST? Evangelist Bill Rice, associate editor of THE SWORD OF THE LORD, after five months' evangelistic tour of Africa and the Holy Land, is now available again for revival services. He has an open date beginning August 17 and several open dates thereafter. If you are interested in his services, write him at 225 King's Highway, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

them just right for teaching Christians how to win souls and getting them established in assurance of salvation. But he finds it also makes clear the plan of salvation in simple language that heathen people can understand, and every doctrinal point proven by the Bible. Hence he is pleading that we help him have thousands more copies printed. He sent me a printer's estimate for printing the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in the Tamil language, thirty-six pages, plus cover, 50,000 copies, to cost 2955 rupees, equal to \$650 American money. I am very prayerfully considering this request. I have had letters from others recommending this good brother. I should like for us to send the \$650 for printing 50,000 of the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" in the Tamil language, if God provides it. I know you will join me in earnest prayer.

I also have a letter from Dr. Maurice Blanchard, president of the Ramapatnam Baptist Theological Seminary, who has gone very carefully into the matter of having the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" written by this editor, printed in the Telugu language, in the Nellore District, South India. There are 32 million Telugu people. Less than twenty per cent are literate, that is, read and write. Brother Blanchard works with Don Hillis of the Evangelical Alliance, and with the Youth for Christ, and is actively a member of the joint committee appointed by the United Lutheran Church and the Baptist Mission for Telugu Newspaper Evangelism. The committee is made up of missionaries and Indian Christians. Dr. Blanchard is well known and respected, as I understand, and I have strong confidence in him. He recommends that we print 20,000 copies in the Telugu language, first printing, and thinks it will cost \$200 or more, about 1 cent a copy. It will need to be printed in larger characters than in some languages, and that price is reasonable, all things considered. I should like to send \$200 to our brother, Dr. Blanchard, to help start to cover his area in India with the printing of this booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" I know you will join me in prayer about this.

### Gospel Literature Greatly Needed in Spain

I have told you that some good Christian people of other countries are helping us to get thousands of copies of the booklet, "What Must I Do to Be Saved?" as printed in Spanish, into Spain. We are getting ready, as quickly as possible, a new printing of 50,000 copies of this Spanish edition, published at Wheaton.

Mrs. Esther B. de Blanco wrote me April 21 for herself and her husband, from Santianes, Ribadesella, Asturias, Spain. She was deeply grateful for THE SWORD OF THE LORD. She said, "I have already thanked the dear friend who sent me the subscription to THE SWORD. When I received the first copy I was at a place spirit-

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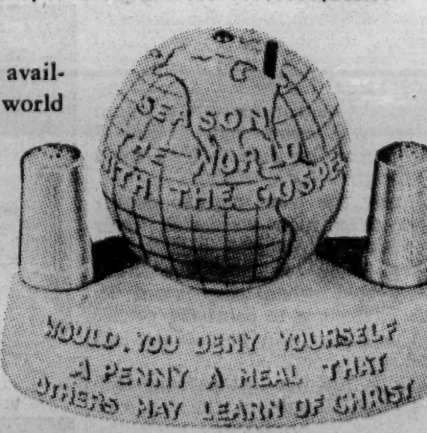
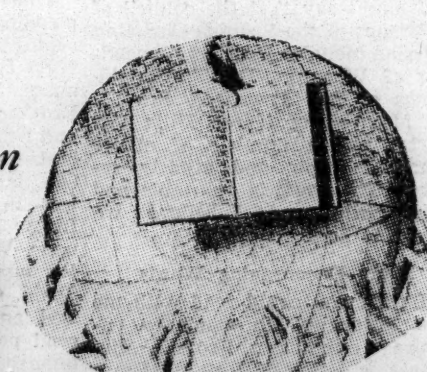
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## Strange Short Stories

By Dr. Walter L. Wilson

# Some Lead



The writer has an excellent collection of lead pencils gathered up while traveling around the country. These have a peculiar interest because of their variety and because of the many helpful lessons which we may learn from a consideration of their peculiarities.

Some of my pencils are long, reminding us of those who live long lives and write upon many hearts. Other pencils are short and continually keep before us the brevity of life and the few lives that some may touch. Some of these pencils are quite large, while containing only a very small lead in the center. Others have a very small wood body, but the lead is as large as those just mentioned. Let us consider together what we may learn from these many features.

As some pencils have large leads in their hearts, while the hearts of others are very small, so we find some folks who have large, liberal hearts and others whose hearts are small, stingy and selfish. Some of these hearts are soft and write very easily with a slight touch; other hearts are hard and write with difficulty and only after much pressure. Sometimes the writing of these hard hearts makes a scratch and a tear on a white page. Soft hearts never do this. Our Lord does not want us to have hearts of stone.

My pencils are of various colors: red, white, brown, yellow, black are found in the collection. These represent the five great races of earth. They all have hearts; they all have some purpose in life; they all write something on those whom they meet in their daily walk.

None of my pencils grew in the woods. A pencil must be made by an intelligent man. Man himself had to be made by a wonderful God who is an individual, intelligent Person knowing more than the man whom He made. Pencils made of wood represent death. The wood was once a living tree which had to be cut down, split, torn, dressed and made into form and shape for the pencil maker. So there could be no Christian without the death of the Savior. He gave up His life at Calvary that we might take that life and be Christians. The pencil must have a new heart before it will write and be of service. The old heart of wood is removed and the new heart of graphite is inserted. The old heart of the sinner cannot be used in writing the story of God's grace. A new heart is given when the soul trusts the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation.

Pencils must be sharpened if they would be of use. Not every Christian can say, "I am ready to preach the gospel." Some sharpening is necessary. The world must be laid aside. The Holy Spirit must sit on the throne of the heart. The Word of God must fill the mind. Self must be denied. Lost souls must be won. Should we not ask our Lord to keep us sharp and ready for His service?

In my collection I have a very large pencil which looks as though it would be a wonderful writing instrument making a large clear mark for marking large packages, boxes, etc. This pencil is a hypocrite. It is not a pencil at all. It is shaped like a pencil and is painted to represent a pencil showing the lead, rubber eraser and the metal band around the eraser. It is solid wood, however, and can make no mark whatever. There are folk like that in our neighborhood. They claim to be Christians, they live nice clean

lives, they are taken for Christians by those who do not examine carefully. Alas, they have the form only. They have never received a new heart from God. They have never been in the hands of the Holy Spirit to be brought to Jesus Christ. They are not what they seem to be. Are you like this?

Some pencils are automatic. The lead must be forced out. There is plenty of lead in the barrel but an intelligence must cause it to project that it may be used. That Christian who is in the hands of the Spirit of God will find himself being twisted and turned and pressed that he may write the better.

One of my pencils is very expensive. I believe that my friend paid six dollars for it. Another of my pencils cost one cent at the corner store. Which one do you think will write the better? Of course you say, they will both write the same if they are held by the same hand. Quite so. The story that is told and the writing that is made depends upon the hand and the mind of the writer. The Christian himself is in the hands of Christ. He may take a college professor, represented by the six-dollar pencil, or the janitor of the church represented by the one-cent pencil, and write just as good a story with the one as the other. Christian scholarship is to be valued of course. Wealth and position and power are not to be deprecated by any means. But neither one has any power unless the power of the Spirit of God rests upon that man or woman.

Two of my pencils are white, one of them is white on the outside and it has a white heart but has cedar wood between. This represents the Christian on earth; hidden beneath his beautiful exterior are motions and desires and thoughts which hurt his heart and which he would gladly be rid of. The other pencil is white all the way through and represents the believer in glory when God has removed every vestige of sin and its effects.

Most of my pencils bear the name of the maker. God brands His sheep with the marks of Calvary. Christians are crucified folks. They have died with Christ at the Cross. The mark of the Beast will be the Devil's brand upon all those who do not belong to Jesus Christ and have never been born again.

Most pencils have an eraser on one end to care for the mistakes that are made by the other end. We make many mistakes in writing upon other people's hearts and lives. Only the blood of Christ can erase sin marks. Let us always abide near the Cross, loving the living Lord who hung there.

(The above is one of thirty-three chapters in the book, *Strange Short Stories By the Doctor*, 123 pages, paper bound, which may be purchased for 75c from Sword of the Lord Publishers, Wheaton, Illinois.)

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## Urgent Demand!

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ually where I sighed and groaned within myself. Being a missionary, I felt my responsibilities and I never slackened, but I was as dry as a bone! This condition did not make me very happy, so I wrote friends to pray, and one of them not only prayed but acted and sent the something that caused the cure. There is lots of room for improvement, but THE SWORD OF THE LORD brought a much needed shower of blessings. I feel different, I am different, and the preaching is different, too. Praise the Lord for your ministry."

This missionary is laboring in virgin territory in Spain, where she has to break down prejudice and teach the gospel simply. She and her husband have been eleven years in that country and they covet our prayers and asked for Christian literature in Spanish.

Then I have two letters from Dr. Zacarias P. Carles, founder and general director of the Spanish Christian Mission. The North American headquarters are 3 Hillsboro Avenue, Toronto 5, Canada. I have met Dr. Carles. The Moody Press, a department of Moody Bible Institute, is co-operating with Dr. Carles and has sent money to pay for a good deal of Christian literature printed in Spain. They have recently printed 20,000 copies of the book, *The Only Way of Salvation*, written by our dear friend, Dr. Oswald J. Smith. Dr. Smith paid for them. Dr. Carles says: "This book of Dr. Smith's has promoted a revival in Spain, and hundreds of souls have been saved, among them several priests. And yet, my dear Brother Rice, I surely believe that your booklet, *'What Must I Do to Be Saved?'* distributed among those interested in the gospel in Spain would bring about an even greater revival than any book distributed heretofore."

Then Dr. Carles reminds us that Roman Catholic censors have to okay books published in Spain, except those that are produced through presses working secretly.

Dr. Carles is now having an estimate of printing costs for the booklet, *'What Must I Do to Be Saved?'* There are 29 million people in Spain. Most of them have never heard the gospel of salvation by grace. We ought to help if possible. I should like very much to be able to send \$1,000 to Spain for the publication of this booklet, *'What Must I Do to Be Saved?'* if the price is right, and if Dr. Carles will see that we have definite reports on the work.

I might say that the council of reference of the Spanish Christian Mission includes Dr. Carl Armending of Wheaton, Dr. T. Christie Innes of San Francisco, Rev. L. E. Maxwell of Three Hills, Alberta, and a number of others whom I know and greatly respect. The work is reputable and trustworthy, and I believe we ought to help.

### Many Encouraging Words

I wish you could read with me the letters which come to encourage our hearts. From Wonju, Korea, a letter of June 21 comes from Pfc. David Shupert with 330th Ord. Depot Co. After telling most interesting things about THE SWORD OF THE LORD and some of our books and pamphlets, he says: "I'm trying to say that through your paper and books I have come back to Christ while sitting here in my truck and I want the whole world to know that I'm trusting Jesus and doing the best I can to live up to His standards." He asked for copies of the booklet, *'What Must I Do to Be Saved?'* that he might send to his loved ones and write them about the Lord Jesus. He says, "Also there are a few men in my outfit whom I feel will read your books. I pray I may be able to lead them to Christ."

Surely the least we can do for these dear men who risk their lives for home and country in Korea, is to see that they have the gospel when they want it. How little it is to print the gospel in the books and pamphlets and send it to them!

I also have a letter from Cpl. George J. Rennie, at the office of the U. S. Commander, in Berlin, Germany. He has found a Chris-

tian printer in Germany who will print the booklet, *'What Must I Do to Be Saved?'* in German, if we will furnish the paper. It will have to be bought in the United States and sent in small packages. We have not yet worked out the details, but they are earnestly waiting for us. A group of Christians in the United States Army are working with some German Christians. Then Cpl. Rennie adds: "In addition to the tract in English, *'What Must I Do to Be Saved?'* we could also use here 300 copies... like *'What's Wrong With the Movies?'*, *'What's Wrong With the Dance?'*..." All the soldiers and many Germans read English. And this would be besides the German translation of *'What Must I Do to Be Saved?'*

Another letter comes from Cpl. Lewis E. Clarke, 27th Maint. Sqdn., APO 929, P.M., San Francisco, California. Cpl. Clarke says: "Dear Mr. Rice:

"I want to write you a few lines to let you know what great thing God is doing here. Someone sent me a good supply of your tracts and the people really like them and come back for one for their friends. I would like to urge the people of the states to give more money to print many more because the surface has only been scratched with the gospel in any way.

"We have had the privilege of seeing many hundreds of the people coming to the Lord. We are to return to the States in a few days. We have been under a great strain the last few weeks and I will be glad to get out of here. I sure would like to have been at the Sword Conference this year to hear many great messages. I know you have had great meetings all this year and I will continue to pray for you.

"I am with the 27th Fighter Escort Wing, a jet outfit. Sure would like to see this bloody mess over. You get so sick of seeing so many coming in all shot up and all because of sin."

(Signed) Cpl. Lewis E. Clarke  
Soon Cpl. Clarke will be back in the states. Notice that he says, "Many hundreds of the people" he has seen coming to the Lord. He also says, "I would like to urge the people of the states to give more money to print many more (tracts, pamphlets) because the surface has only been scratched with the gospel in any way."

### What Shall We Do?

I have let you read the letters pleading for \$2,000 to print 300,000 copies more of the booklet, *'What Must I Do to Be Saved?'* in Japanese. You read the cable from Brother Joe Weatherly in India, and I told you that we have promised them \$1,000 in two weeks. \$650 is needed to print the booklets in the Tamil language in India, \$200 for the Telugu language. We have promised \$500 for Portugal. There are calls for Spain, though we have not promised any definite amount. If we send paper to Berlin, along with quantities of booklets and pamphlets in English, that will take hundreds of dollars more. At the very least, we will need some \$4,000 or more within the next few weeks, if we enter the doors that are open, and if we heed beckoning hands of unconverted people who will read this literature and who are hungry for the gospel.

I know that not every one who reads will be saved. I know that the work will need to be accom-

panied with earnest teaching on the part of missionaries, and follow-up work. Yet God has committed a certain part of this work to us, and I am certain, by a most heartening group of experiences within the last year or two, that this kind of work will see thousands of people turn to Jesus Christ, if we will simply do our part. Will you help? The matter is on my heart so heavily that I cannot get away from it. God has opened these doors. Mrs. Rice and I are giving \$200, which is not very much. It is just a drop in the bucket beside the total need. But we trust God will multiply it and bless it. I feel that hundreds, even thousands, of readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD will want to help in this Free Literature Fund. Before prices on paper go up in foreign countries, and before doors are closed, or before Catholic influence or communist influence cuts off the opportunity in many places, let us enter in with the gospel!

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Please write your counsel. If God lays it on your heart, send gifts to help in this work, and you and we will join together in getting out the gospel. Make checks payable to Sword of the Lord Foundation. You may designate the money for the Free Literature Fund, or to any particular country which you especially feel led of God to help, among those countries where we have reputable connections and have every confidence that the work will be well done. Or you may, if you prefer, designate your gifts for the Ministers and Missionaries Subscription Fund, which sends THE SWORD OF THE LORD to missionaries, to native pastors, to preachers in the homeland, etc. who need THE SWORD OF THE LORD and oftentimes to people who cannot pay for it themselves.

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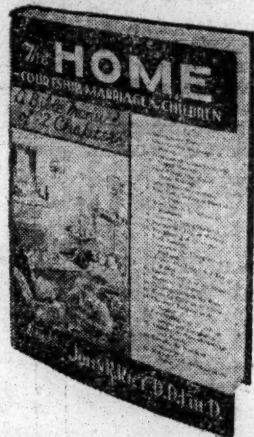
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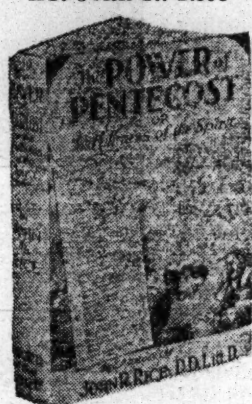
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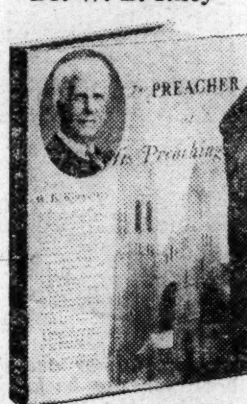
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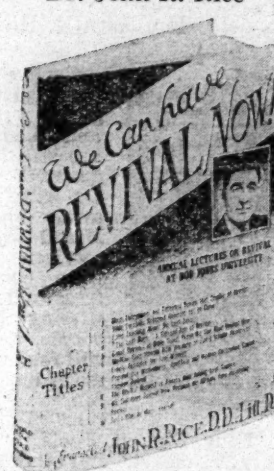
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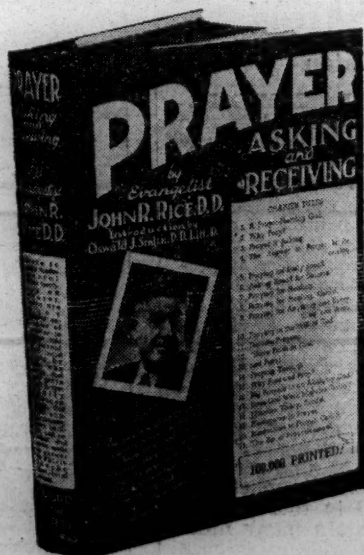


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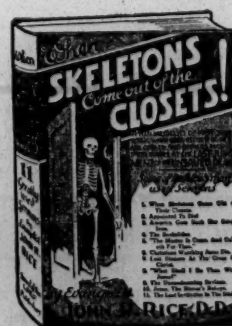
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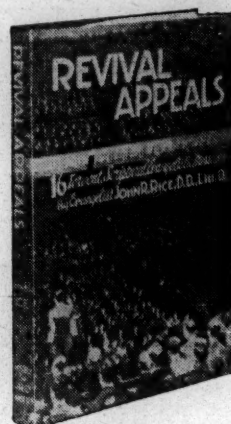
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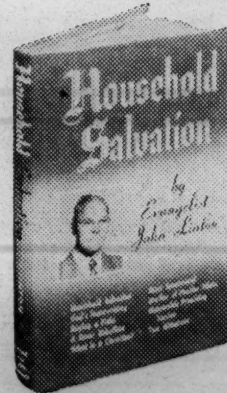
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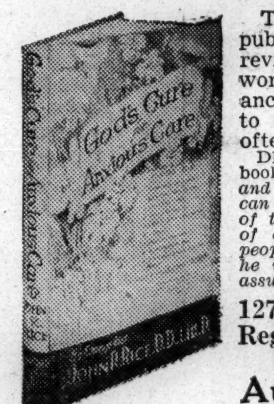
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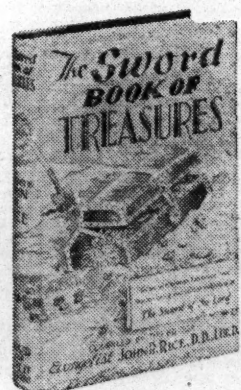
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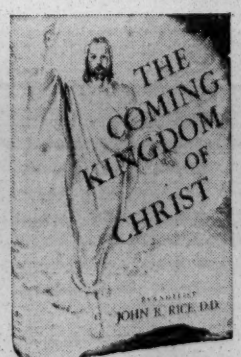
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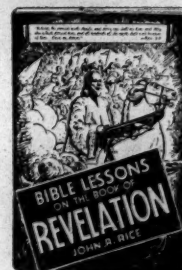
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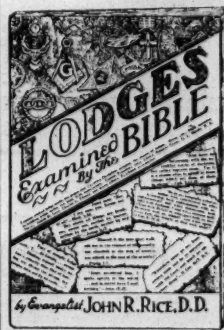
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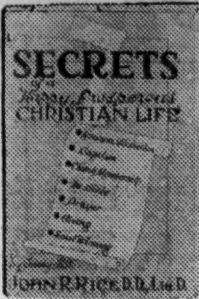
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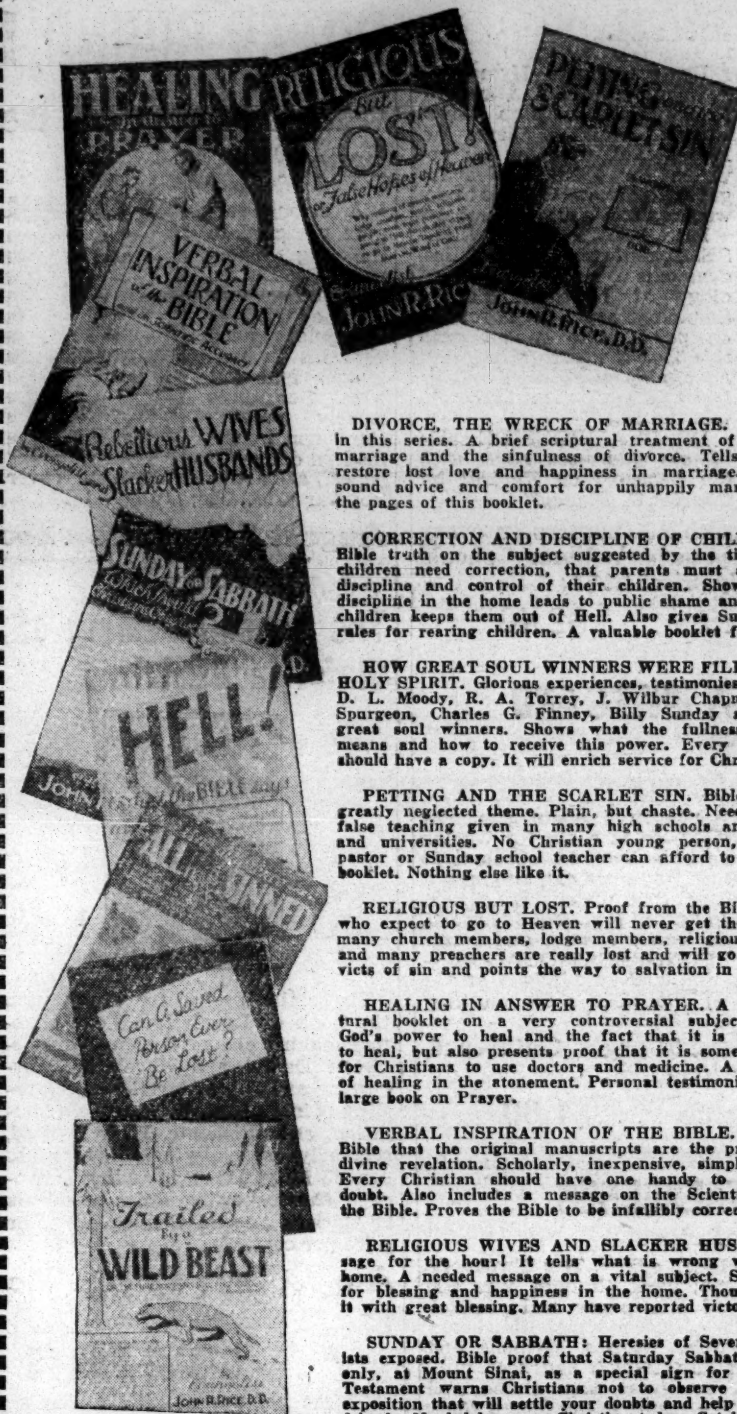


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## Jacob, The Deceiver

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Here am I; who art thou, my son? And Jacob said unto his father, I am Esau thy firstborn; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me."—Gen. 27:18, 19.

Jacob was very cunning. It was very easy for him to do wrong. It came natural. Were he living today he would be the kind to throw dirt in a man's eyes in a pile-up in football, elbow in basketball when the coach wasn't looking, or try to spike a man in baseball.

Jacob deceived his father, and this certainly was a step in the wrong direction for this young man to make because the Bible says, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7). Again the Bible says, "Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity, and sow wickedness, reap the same" (Job 4:8). Someone has said whatever passes over the Devil's back must come under his belly. You can't do wrong and get by. Oh! if people would heed the warning!

Pharaoh charged all the people that all the boy babies should be drowned (Exod. 1:22). In Exodus 14:28 we are told that Pharaoh was drowned in the Red Sea. Korah caused a cleft in the congregation (Num. 16:2, 3), and Korah was swallowed in the cleft of the earth (Num. 16:32). The Bible warns that we touch not God's anointed. Much violence is done to the work of God today through rebels who rise up and challenge God's servants. Many Christians are weak and sickly in body because they are guilty of conspiring against God's anointed. I personally know of a number of preachers pastoring large churches, who belong to lodges, and are very weak and sickly in body. I have heard these men speak evil of some of God's finest preachers because they speak out against sin.

Some of you who have tongues loose on both ends and as sharp as razor blades mounted on ball-bearings in the middle, turning a thousand revolutions a minute cutting to pieces everything in its path, had better heed the warning lest you reap exactly what you

sow. Adonibezek cut off seventy kings' thumbs and big toes; (Judges 1:6, 7), and his thumbs and big toes were cut off also. Ahab caused Naboth to be slain, and the dogs licked his blood (I Kings 21:19). Later Ahab was slain and the dogs licked his blood (I Kings 22:38).

Asa caused Hanani the prophet to be placed in stocks (II Chron. 16:10), and in the time of his old age he reaped the same when he died with foot disease (I Kings 15:23). Haman died on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai (Esther 7:10). Saul watched Stephen while they stoned him; he also was stoned (Acts 14:19). Jacob deceived his father; his father-in-law deceived him. He, the younger son, got the blessing, he also got the younger daughter for his wife. He got Esau's birthright for a bowl of chili. Laban changed his wages ten times. Jacob deceived his father by covering his hands with goat skin. His sons deceived him by dipping Joseph's coat in the blood of a lamb. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

### B. He Departs From Home

"And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran."—Gen. 28:10.

Jacob made a big mistake. You don't get peace of heart by running away from your troubles; to run away is only to play the part of a coward.

The Bible says that we must make things right before we can have peace of heart and power with God. Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift" (Matt. 5:23,24).

The Bible says we must make things right with our brothers before we can expect peace of heart, prayers answered or power with God.

God led the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt through the same city through which they entered. Going back to Ramesses

was the long way out. The word "Ramesses" means "melting away." It was here that their bands "melted away"; the place where they were put on.

You didn't find Christ in a cold, formal, modernistic church where the preacher denies the deity of Christ and other cardinal doctrines of the Bible, did you? Well! Why do you think that you will ever have peace of heart, prayers answered, and power with God by staying with it? The Bible says, "Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins" (Rev. 18:4).

You didn't find Jesus Christ in a godless, God-hating, Christ-rejecting, commercial moving picture show or a dance hall, card party or in a lodge where they think no more of Jesus Christ than to be the bastard-son of a Jewish harlot. If you didn't find Him there in the beginning, you certainly don't expect to find Him there now. Then get out. "Come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you" (II Cor. 6:17).

The repentant prodigal son found the father with outstretched arms at home, right where he left him; and you too, my friend, will find Jesus right where you left Him. "He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy" (Prov. 28:13).

### C. He Develops Difficulties

"And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put them for his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep."—Gen. 28:11.

Jacob, his mother's pet, whose head had been accustomed to the soft downy pillow back in his father's home, now has a stone instead.

The prodigal son sat on the hog-pen and wished for the husk given to the swine.

As a young boy twenty years of age I forged my dad's name and for fear I would be caught I left home. Soon all my money was gone and I was friendless. In the heart of Florida, broke and without a job, I came to myself and, as the prodigal of old, I started home.

My first day's hitch-hiking wasn't so bad, but nightfall brought on a different story. Since it was night, no one would pick me up. I walked until I found myself dozing. Realizing the danger of this, I went into the woods, raked a large pile of leaves together and used a log for pillow. Now, for the first time in my life, I really appreciated a father's and mother's love, and home.

Laban changed Jacob's wages ten times. He gave Jacob the oldest daughter, Leah, after he had worked seven years for the younger, Rachel. Now that he is married and has a family, his one and only daughter Dinah is defiled by a heathen man. You are at liberty to turn your back upon God, but sure and many will be your difficulties.

## II. Jacob Wrestled With God

### A. Jacob At First Was Complacent

"And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him."—Gen. 32:24-25.

We have the same disease today that Jacob had—complacency. Preachers, deacons, elders, stewards, and Sunday School teachers—Christians everywhere are at ease in Zion. We are a self-satisfied lot. We are luke-warm Christians and our self-satisfaction is the thing that makes us helpless for the blessings of God. We feel that we have need of nothing! We are not hungry; so we will not eat! We are not thirsty; so we do not drink! We do not feel any special need to pray; so we do not pray! We do not fast! We do not weep! We do not witness! God says of lukewarm Christians that He will spue them out of His mouth (Rev. 3:15-17).

I read of a preacher once who

## "REVIVAL BY MAIL" STILL BEARING FRUIT

By Viola Walden, Sec'y to the Editor

Mail continues to come, telling of individuals won to Christ whose names were sent into Sword of the Lord office to be prayed for during "Revival by Mail" campaign. In the past few days we have had word of five such people. Praise the Lord for answered prayer! Here is the report:

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were both saved."—Leonard Otter, Grand Rapids, Mich.

"One person on the prayer list I sent you has trusted Christ as Saviour."—Mrs. E. B. Cook, Carthage, N. C.

"Recently we sent in a man's name on your prayer list and he has been saved since then. He was 70 years old and had never attended church before. He was baptized last Sunday and you have never seen a man so happy as he has been the last two weeks!"—Miss Blenda Hughes, Jacksonville, Fla.

"Rejoice that Bob Evans' name can be checked off the list of prayer requests for salvation. He had a talk with his pastor, who told me of his confession of faith."—Mrs. Helen Hilgeman

dreamed he was pastoring a newly-organized church, and for a while things went along nicely; but after a while the burden became more than he could bear.

In his dream he said the church was likened unto a covered wagon. He, being the pastor, was at the end of the tongue doing the guiding. At first it seemed as though the wagon was going down grade with everyone pushing and working together. At the foot of the hill was a marshy bottom; but everybody was working together, and they didn't have too much difficulty, but soon he noticed the load seemed to get heavier and heavier, they moved slower and slower until the wagon came to a standstill. Now that the wagon had stopped, he thought he would go round to the back and see what the trouble was. Not only had deacons and teachers and members stopped pushing, but they had crawled on and were riding! He found that not only had they stopped pushing and had crawled on to ride, but they were criticizing the way in which he was pulling. That, my friend, is a perfect picture of many a church of our day!

### B. Jacob Awakened, Contended

"And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me."—Gen. 32:26.

Jacob was finally shaken out of his lethargy, but God had to knock his leg out of joint before he could arouse him.

So often God is forced today to do the same before He can get people willing to turn loose the things of the world and let His will be done in their lives. In a southern city where I preached in a revival meeting a few years ago, a man told of his cold, indifferent attitude toward the gospel; until one day the Lord took his little three-year-old boy.

Here is how it happened. This man was a good moral man, but with no love or thought for the Lord's work. On Sundays he would take his little boy with him to the ball games, take him with him everywhere, in fact, but to church. World War Two was going on; therefore it was almost impossible to get overalls for boys of his age, and the one thing he wanted most was a pair of overalls. The father had searched for weeks, but no overalls. Today was a different day. A friend who operated a store got some overalls and let him have a pair. Today, of all days, without doubt was the happiest he had ever seen, for in a few hours he would have the joy of seeing his little boy with his first pair of overalls on. In the meantime it had clouded up and rained. After the rain, the little boy was out playing. Standing on a bridge looking into the water beneath, he became overbalanced and fell into the stream and was drowned. It being near mid-afternoon and time for the father to get off from work, he could not be contacted. As he drove up in front of the house, his heart was filled with joy, thinking of the happiness that would fill the little fellow's heart. He was greatly disturbed, for people are crying and rushing into the house. He was told of the

terrible accident, and as he looked at the lifeless body lying on the bed, he cried out of the agony of his soul, "O God! My boy! My boy! I'll never see him again!"

Through the death of his son, he turned to God and is today a real soul winner, but it took the death of his son to bring him to his senses.

I was again in the same city in a revival meeting and this man took me from the hotel to the church every night. It was in November, and the weather was cool. On this Sunday morning his heart was touched, for some of the boys and girls had no shoes on their feet and their clothing was poor. The church was a mission for the underprivileged.

He picked me up at the hotel, as he had done night after night, but tonight he was different. He had nothing to say. I asked what was wrong and of course his reply was "Nothing"; but as we went out of town and turned off on the side road that led to the church, he pulled up under a tree and stopped. He said, "Brother Keenum, I've gone as far as I can go. I hope you don't feel that I am silly, but this morning my heart was touched as I looked at those children with hardly enough clothing to cover their bodies, and this afternoon I gathered up some clothes that my girls could never wear again and some that my little boy had before he was drowned!" He said, "Brother Keenum, they are in the sack behind the seat." He reached back and pulled out the overalls he had bought for the boy the day he died. He said, "Brother Keenum, it nearly broke my heart to give them up, but I think he would want me to do it." With the overalls in his hand, he bowed his head and rededicated his life to God in the service of soul winning. He won five railroad engineers above the age of fifty-five in one of my meetings, but God had to take his little boy to shake him out of his complacency.

### C. Jacob, Humbled in Heart, Was Changed

"And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. And he said, Thy name shall no more be called Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men..."—Gen. 32:27-28.

Jacob had always had his way. Jacob contended with Esau in the womb and thus got his name, "Jacob." He contended for the birthright and succeeded. He contended for the blessing and succeeded. He contended with Laban and succeeded. He contended with men and was very successful. Now he contends with God and succeeds. Hence his name was changed to Israel, a prince among men.

Now that Jacob is crippled, it is of necessity that he lean heavily upon God. This is a lesson we all must learn if we ever do real business for God.

Paul learned this lesson on the Damascus road, and for three days he prayed. It was only then that he could say, "I am crucified with Christ."

Peter, with bitter tears, prostrated himself in the garden after

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This statement by the head of the Supreme Command of the Allied Powers in Japan is interpreted as a promise of a continuation of the favorable attitude enjoyed by missionaries under the leadership of General MacArthur. Early in 1950 TEAM's board chairman, Dr. T. J. Bach, had an interview with

MacArthur, who requested: "Please send ten missionaries for every one you have here now." At that time this mission had 78 missionaries in Japan. Since then that number has increased to approximately 115, and TEAM hopes to send out an additional 100 within the next two years.

General Director Johnson feels that this assurance of further opportunity in Japan should encourage evangelicals to do more than they have ever done before to reach the country's 83 millions with the gospel. "Christianity is our strongest answer to the Communist," said Johnson.

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having denied his Lord only a few minutes before. With a broken heart, realizing the weakness of the flesh, Peter stood on the day of Pentecost in the power of the Spirit and preached a sermon that saved three thousand souls. Gethsemane always comes before Calvary.

### III. Jacob Walked With God

#### A. In Separation

"And he bought a parcel of a field, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of Hamor, Shechem's father, for an hundred pieces of money. And he erected there an altar and called it El-elohe-Israel. And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which were in their hand, and all their earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem."—Gen. 33:19-20; 35:4.

Now that Jacob is right with God, he believes in separation from the world. "And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which were in their hand, and all their earrings which were in their ears."

Beloved, what are you holding in your hand? What is it that you are letting come between you and your God? If ever there was a time when Christians should take their stand against the things of the world, it is today! If ever a preacher should preach out against sin, it is today! Modernism is riding a high horse. Preacherettes with sermonettes for Christianettes will never bring revival!

An old mountain woman who loved the Lord once visited with her daughter in the city. This old woman went to church every Sunday morning, and at the close of the service she would compliment her preacher for his good strong Bible sermon. Now that she was in the city, she felt that she must still go to church on Sunday. So she walked down the street until she came to a church. She went in and listened to the preacher and at the close of the service she felt convicted that she should speak to him; but he, being one of these good-Lord, good-Devi, good for nothing kind sitting straddle on the fence, looking each way to see which way to jump, didn't know just what she would say. So she walked down and shook his hand and said, "Doctor, your sermon shore wuz a good'n, it didn't have no doctrine in it ner nothin'."

Our sermons need a little sting in them. They need to be sharp. Billy Sunday said, "The average preacher is strong on diagnosis, but awfully weak on therapeutics." The religious world has international gangrene; and it's going to take some omnipotent surgery before we can expect recovery.

Isaiah had courage enough to apply the remedy. Listen to the account as given in Isaiah 3:18-23:

"In that day the Lord will take away the bravery of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their cauls, and their round tires like the moon, The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers, The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings, The rings, and nose jewels, The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping pins, The glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the vails."

The average woman of our day, at certain seasons of the year, doesn't wear enough clothing to

decently dress a jay-bird. The terribly loose way in which our women folk live and dress today is disgraceful. The low vulgar way in which they conduct themselves at bathing beaches, play-grounds, and on the streets too, needs to be challenged by God's preachers.

The Bible says, "Cry aloud, spare not, lift thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins" (Isa. 58:1). Some will say, "But you can't win them if you preach out against their sins." But I say you can—this is the Bible way. Your people will never be stable Christians until they completely surrender themselves to God. A Christian not completely surrendered unto God will go after a ballgame, go to see Uncle Tom, or something of the world everytime you depend on him, and leave you to do the best you can.

I was preaching in a Baptist church in one of the large cities in the South. The atmosphere was very cold. One night I preached out against worldliness very strongly. Feeling very depressed as I went to my room that night, I prayed most of the night. The next day I had dinner in a home where they had two young girls about sixteen and eighteen years of age. At the table one of them remarked that she liked my sermon the evening before. I asked what it was about the sermon that she liked. She said, "Brother Keenum, after the service last night our club had a meeting, and decided to get right with God and do all we can to win others to the Lord." She said, "There are thirty-two of us. We intended to go to Cascade-Plunge, take our picnic lunches and swim all day and dance tonight." Think of it! Girls in bathing suits dancing with boys. How sinful! These girls sang in the choir, attended the prayer meeting, brought in other boys and girls to be saved and today they are the backbone of the church. Yes, it pays to preach out against sin and challenge people to separate from the world and unto God and His glorious gospel.

#### B. In Sacrifice and Satisfaction

"And he built there an altar."—Gen. 35:7.

Brother, the next step is sure to follow after we have separated ourselves from our idols. We are ready for the sacrifice. With Jacob it was a lamb, but not so with us today. Paul says, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable [or spiritual] service." God is not calling for your money. He is calling for both you, and your money. He wants you to lay your life on the altar a living sacrifice, not a dead one. Some of you say, "Brother Keenum, I would die for Jesus," but he had rather you would live for him.

God makes some calls some times that are pretty hard to answer. He called upon Abraham to offer Isaac as a sacrifice on the altar. This must have been the hardest thing Abraham was ever called upon to do. My vision pictures Abraham late one afternoon as he went alone to be with God, and there God called upon him to make this great sacrifice, and Abraham was obedient and said, "I will." His heart must have been heavier than lead as he walked back to the tent, listening to the insects chirping out their mournful tunes of sympathy. After

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yard trying to catch a glimpse of the wonder-working Saviour and to hear His words. No, the center of interest in this narrative is Jesus and five other men. Four of them are soul winners, bringing a sinner to Jesus. After all, there are only three groups that count much in all this multitude. First, there is Jesus. Bless God, He counts most of all. Then there are the soul winners. There are four of them who are mentioned in this case; all are burdened and concerned for their poor paralyzed friend. They want to get him to Jesus, to get his sins forgiven, even to get his body healed; but there were obstacles in the way.

The way lost people get to Jesus is that somebody brings them. Everywhere I hear the age-old cry of the lazy preachers and of the worldly-minded church members, "Sinners won't come to church any more." *They never did come except as they were brought!* Children do not take the initiative in getting themselves born, and sinners do not take the initiative in getting themselves saved. Shipwrecked people, going down in the cold waters, do not save themselves. Rescuers run out the life boats and bring them in!

Here is one sinner who came to church. He is paralyzed and can't walk, yet he came to hear Jesus preach, he came to get saved! But he came because somebody brought him. And anywhere in the world when there are people with burning hearts who determine at any cost of labor and ingenuity and expense to get people to church, to get sinners to hear the gospel, then you will have sinners in the services and sinners being saved!

In the first chapter of John we see several instances of soul winning. Andrew got his brother, Simon Peter, "and he brought him to Jesus." Jesus found Philip and said, "Follow me." Philip found Nathanael, and after a terrible theological blunder got him to Jesus, and Jesus settled all the doubts of the inquiring Nathanael, and he was wonderfully saved.

Jesus spoke of soul winning after this fashion, "A certain man made a great supper, and bade many; and sent his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. . . ." And the rest of the story tells how the servant invited, plead, repeatedly returning for further instructions and

supper, as he and his wife sat beneath the boughs of the trees, and the soft rays of the sorrowing moon filtered through the leaves, I imagine Abraham broke the news. "Sarah, I want you to brace up and be a good sport, and have great faith in God. This afternoon late I had a little talk with God, and He said that I must go tomorrow and offer our son Isaac as a burnt sacrifice upon the altar."

A heavy atmosphere closed in on the two as they sat in silence. The hot tears plowed their way down their cheeks. Isaac, the miracle-born son, the son for whom they had prayed for years, was to be given on the altar as a burnt sacrifice. Sarah didn't sleep that night. She kept her eyes on her son as the soft shadows of the paling moon sifted through the flaps of the tent. The next morning early, Abraham saddled an ass, piled on the wood, tent and food for a three days' journey. The heavy-hearted mother kissed her son for what she thinks will be the last time; and off they went.

One whole day is gone and they camp for the night. Morning comes; they pack up and travel for another day. They pitch their tent, fix their supper, talk a little while, have their family devotions and go to bed; but there is no sleep for Abraham. After everything gets quiet, he slips out of the tent, walks around and talks with God, asking Him for strength. The next morning, breakfast, prayer and off on another day's journey. Today Abraham is very quiet, and as they walk along his son asks, "Where are we going, Daddy?" "Oh, on a little journey, Son." Night comes and time to pitch the tent again.

went out in the highways and hedges to compel people to come in.

In that thronging crowd in Capernaum some were open enemies, as the Pharisees. Some were unsure what to do, as perhaps were the disciples. The vast multitude were mere on-lookers, spectators, seat-warmers, hangers-on, to see the wonderful things done. But the ones who got business done for the Lord that day were those like the four who went after the paralytic and literally carried him to Jesus. You could sweep out three-fourths of the average church membership like trash before the broom, and never miss them, as far as having souls saved. But thank God for the little handful who mean business and really bring sinners to church or bring sinners to Jesus. If you, dear reader, are a seat-warmer, a hanger-on, part of the mixed multitudes of useless people who clutter up our churches today, I beg you to get out of that crowd and go get sinners, bring them to Christ and to the church.

### III. An "All Out" Effort Necessary

The complaints and the alibis and excuses of those who ought to be soul winners are commonplace. But here were four unnamed men who meant business and could not be stopped by hindrances in getting their friend to Christ.

The United States government in the late war adopted a policy of "All out aid to Britain." By that phrase, the president meant that all our resources and all our energies should be put into the effort to save democracy and stop the bandit, the cruel enslaver of people, the mad-man, Hitler. A national weekly called attention, however, to the president's inconsistency. The president stated that we could defend America without giving up any of our "social gain," by which he meant that labor would not have to work longer than five days a week, eight hours a day; would not have to give up the right to strike, nor high wages; that old people would not have to give up their pensions nor farmers their subsidies from the government.

But everyone soon saw that that would not be an "all out" effort. Americans working only forty hours a week could not defeat Germans who were willing to work eighty hours a week. Americans who were willing to strike and tie

up industry to raise wages, that are already several times as much as German workmen get, could not defeat German workers who were willing to work seven days a week, ten or twelve hours a day on subsistence wages. Americans could not defeat Germany when Germany meant business and America did not, when Germany would pay any price for victory and America would not.

And so in soul winning: lackadaisical, half-hearted Christian efforts will not win. We need an "all out" effort.

The four men who carried the palsied man to Jesus really meant business. It was an "all out" effort.

In the first place, it took work. There was no ambulance. Carrying the helpless man and his bed, perhaps for miles through the heat, was not easy, even for four husky men. But if you want to save souls you must work at it. The Saviour said, "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few" (Luke 10:2). Plenty of people are willing to preach, or teach, or sing solos, or hold office, but to really labor, to sweat, to toil to win souls is a different matter. Thank God, those four men could not be daunted; so they picked up the sick man, bed and all, and literally carried him to Jesus.

It took cooperation to bring this man to Jesus. For one man to have carried him would have been impossible. For two it would have been very burdensome, for three it would have been awkward. But four earnest men were just right. Four could even get him on top of the house and could let him down through the broken-up roof. And I think the poor crippled man would not have risked himself with one or two. No doubt it took all four to persuade him. But when four of a man's best friends guarantee that he will be well cared for and forgiven and happy and well, who could doubt them?

All over the country there are unsaved men who could be won if their four best loved ones or best friends would agree to cooperate and combine forces to win them. At Pentecost "they were all of one accord," and how often this unity is mentioned in the Bible where a real revival is involved! If Christians work and work together, they can have mighty revivals, they can win souls.

Often a pastor writes to me telling how eager, how hungry the people of his church are for a revival. Later, another pastor, or the representative of another church,

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on the menu; but neither of us could eat. Our appetites were gone. At eight that night we told each other good-by with the nod of our head, for neither of us could talk. As I turned to walk down the street, I had to lean against a building, for I could not see my way. Beloved, God spoke to my heart and for the first time I realized the price Abraham was paying.

I can see him as he sits and looks on the face of his son until he can stand it no longer, then walks away. The next day they have their breakfast and prayer, and another long day's journey. In the afternoon they come to Mt. Moriah where they leave the servants and go up into the mountain. The altar is built, the wood is laid on. Abraham takes his son by the arm and tells him to be a brave boy, that what he is about to do is in obedience to God's will. Then he kisses him, loves him, and hugs him. Then he ties him up and lays him on the altar. He reaches for his jack-knife to cut his throat, and God stays his hand, and gives him the ram caught in the bushes.

But, oh! Beloved, I can see down through the ages, and there on another hill, and upon a cross Jesus Christ, God's Son, is being slaughtered, and there is no one to stay the hand of the bloody, angry mob. Oh! Dear friend, the Holy Spirit has no body save your body. He has no hands save your hands; He has no feet save your feet; He has no mouth save your mouth. To be a living sacrifice is to give the Holy Spirit complete charge of your body. God help you to completely yield your body to Him right now. In Jesus' name, Amen.



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in the same town, will write wanting help in a revival campaign—so eager they are, they say, for a blessed revival and souls saved. Yet the two churches will not join hands and cooperate to win souls in many cases and I find that such people are often concerned simply about strengthening the work of the local church, or trying to overcome division in the church, or they want their own little flock of saints fed. Sometimes they would be glad to have the children of their own families saved, but have really no concern for the community at large or for the great mass of sinners who never darken the doors of the house of God. Many times people want to have "a revival campaign," they say, but really they are concerned about their own denomination or their own selfish and personal gain in spiritual matters.

How different were these four men who banded together to bring the helpless paralytic to Christ! May God help Christians to combine forces and really work together to get sinners saved. No Christian can say he is making an "all out" effort to win souls who is not willing to work with others.

And can you imagine the astonishment of the crowds that must have filled the patio or yard when these four men, carrying their precious burden, began to clamber up on top of the house! I suppose that it was an awkward business. I can imagine that by-standers shouted advice; that somebody

may have muttered, "Those crazy fools will drop and kill the poor man. Why do they want him on the roof?" Sure, they made a spectacle of themselves before the whole town, but this was a genuine, whole-souled effort to get the man to Jesus. They had to overcome the indifference of the crowd. The seat-warmers, the spectators, the churchgoers did not move out of the way. But, undaunted, they carried him to the roof-top and began to break up the roof. The roof was of heavy tiles (Luke 5:19). Just as if they owned the house, they began to tear away the tiles and chop through the roof, making a hole big enough to let the poor invalid, bed and all, down to Jesus!

How reckless! How sensational! Why, the owner may be terribly angry. They'll have the roof to pay for, surely! But I can imagine one of the four who has labored so hard and against such odds, to get this man to Jesus, saying as his lips trembled with emotion, "Never mind the roof—I'll pay for it, whatever it costs. I know if we can get this man to Jesus, He'll heal the poor man and save his soul, and that is worth more than all the house. We may look like fools to all the neighbors, but I am willing to be a fool to get this friend saved!"

People these days expect to win souls without ever being ridiculous. People expect to win souls without even being called fanatics. The average Christian is ashamed

to be seen with a Bible on the street car and won't bring up the subject of trusting Christ even in the privacy of his lost neighbor's home. Christians, that will never work! It takes an "all out" effort to really win souls. If we were willing to make an open spectacle of ourselves and to do the sensational, expensive things that are certain to cost money and cost friends and make us seem like fools to the world, then God could use us to win souls.

God have pity upon us Christians who never miss a meal for God, never miss a night's sleep, never lose a job for Christ nor a day's wages, never lose a friend in Jesus' name! We are half-hearted, luke-warm hypocrites who do not mean business for God and so never win souls.

All the silly talk about sinners being too hard to win these days is only an alibi to cover up the fact that we really do not mean business and will not go to any lengths to win souls, as these men did to get their friend to Jesus.

Nearly everybody would be willing to win souls if it did not cost anything or take time or if nobody knew about it, and nobody would laugh at them or think they were queer. But God wants no such service as that.

"All out" effort for God put Daniel in the den of lions.

"All out" effort for Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego put them in the fiery furnace. They faced the wrath of the emperor of the world and the scoffing of all their friends, but they won! The proclamation of King Nebuchadnezzar in

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manes had the most brilliant mind of any man for three generations past. He is the author of the book, "Darwin and After Darwin," as well as many other master works. He graduated from the great English university with highest honors and he was a sincere Christian. He wrote books about God and about the laws of prayer. But in the speculations which were natural to a mind like his, he began to see, as he said, that Christianity was unreasonable. He studied long and hard before he announced himself, but finally he declared his unbelief to the world.

For twenty-five years Romanes did not utter a prayer because, he said, his mind would not let him pray. It was "with utmost sorrow" that he felt compelled to accept his atheistic conclusions. In the soul darkness into which his syllogistic reasoning had led him, he confessed that the universe to him, "had lost the soul of loveliness." He said: "When at times I think, as think at times I must, of the appalling contrast between the hallowed glory of that creed which once was mine, and the lonely mystery of existence as I now find it—at such times I shall ever feel it impossible to avoid the sharpest pang of which my nature is susceptible."

How the sneering skeptics laughed, and how some of us in the church trembled, for Romanes was the leading scientist of the world, and one whose sincerity the world had never doubted. But George John Romanes is in heaven today. He died a member in good standing in the Church of England. While his reasoning was absolutely logical, he discovered in after years that he had laid down a wrong premise with which to begin, and reasoning from it had reached the conclusions so fatal to his faith. He changed his premise and later wrote: "The doctrines of the Incarnation and the Trinity seemed to me most absurd in my agnostic days, but now I see in them no rational difficulty at all." And what was true of these great doctrines was true of the others. No man ought to lay any claim to intelligence and call himself a skeptic or an infidel until he has read "Thoughts on Religion" by George John Romanes.

"But," you say, "what Romanes did I am not able to do." Yes, that may be true. All have not minds like his. But there is another way. Jesus said, "If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." It is no disgrace to doubt if you are only honest about it. But the trouble is that most men are not honest in this respect. They don't give and they won't give the religion of Jesus Christ a fair test.

O my friend, if you are skeptical, if you are in darkness and in doubt, I do not know how you are ever going to find your way out unless you are ready to surrender your will to God, and obey as far as you see the way. And when you are ready to do that, it doesn't make any difference how deep into skepticism you have gone, God will bring you out. There is all the hope in the world for you if you will only surrender your will to God and live up to the light as it comes to you. If you had only the tiniest speck of light, and did not follow that as far as it took you, you can be sure that God would never give you any more.

Suppose I were to find you, at the close of one of my meetings, standing in front of the building with a lighted lantern in your hand, and I should say to you, "What are you doing?"

"I am going home," you say.

"Well, why don't you start?"

"The light doesn't shine far enough," you say; "I'll never take another step until this light shines all the way from the spot where I now am clear up to the door of my home where I want to go."

I would reply, "Man, you will rot in your tracks before you will ever get home that way."

No, my friend, the light will never shine one inch farther, but you take the one step that shines before you, and the light will shine into the darkness just as far as the step you take is from the spot where you stand. Do not lose your soul because of willful unbelief. Don't be stubborn. The Recording

Angel is waiting to write your name on the Lamb's book of life, but encamped about you now are the black-pinioned spirits of the underworld, waiting to rush back to Hell with the news that, even now as you read this message, you have decided once more to reject the crucified Son of God as your Saviour.

Those two hundred and seventy-six shipwrecked souls were almost lost and yet they were saved. But do you know that it is possible to be almost saved and yet be lost?

They tell this story of the Royal Charter, a ship that had been around the world. News was received at Liverpool that she would touch her dock in the morning. Bands of music and loved ones were there to welcome her home, but the Royal Charter never came in. She went down between Queenstown and Liverpool, and all on board were lost. The wife of the first mate was a member of Dr William Taylor's church and to him they gave the sad duty of breaking the news to the poor woman. He knocked at the door and a sweet-faced little child ran to open it; then shyly shrank back, as she said, "Oh, Dr. Taylor, I thought it was papa; you know he is coming home this morning." Dr. Taylor took the little one by the hand and walked into the house. The wife said, "Dr. Taylor, it is so fine of you to come; you know we are expecting husband home now any minute, and if you will only stay and break bread with us, it will be a little more like heaven." "Oh," said Dr. Taylor, "it was hard to do, but I had to do it." He stepped up close to the woman, took her hand in his, and said, "My dear woman, your husband will never come home; the Royal Charter went down last night and all on board were lost." She left her hand in his just a second, and then, as she drew it out, she spoke with agony in her voice, "My God, so near home, and then lost!"

God forbid that it should be that way with you as you read the pages of this book; that you may be so close to the Kingdom of God that you can look through the doorway of Heaven and see the loved ones beckoning you to come. Just one step and you would be across the line, and yet you turn your back upon it all, and go straight away into eternal darkness and despair. If you would only let Christ know that you have the faintest desire to be a Christian, He would be at your side in a second.

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### My Decision For Christ

You who have read Dr. Biederwolf's sermon, now please allow an earnest entreaty by the editor. Will you be saved, or will you be lost forever? I beg you, today repent of your sins, turn to Christ for mercy, trust Him fully today! If you will do so, will you please copy the following statement in a letter, sign it and mail it today? But decide it honestly, once for all. Then when I receive your letter telling me that you have taken Christ as your own Saviour forever, I will write you a letter of counsel and encouragement. I beg you, do not be enslaved, or indifferent, or unbelieving any longer! Decide, sign, then copy and mail today!

Dr. John R. Rice, editor,  
The Sword of The Lord,  
Wheaton, Illinois

Dear Brother Rice:

Today I confess that I am a poor lost sinner. I have read Dr. Biederwolf's sermon, "All Hope Gone and Yet Saved." I do confess myself a sinner. I believe that Christ died for me and offers to save me. The best I know how today, this moment, I turn to Christ, I depend upon Him, I surrender to Him. I take Him as my own personal Saviour today and by His grace I will claim Him openly and try to live for Him.

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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safe and sound. "And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land."

But this is enough about shipwreck. It's a wreck of another kind I want to speak about. A wreck that's a good deal sadder than the wreck of any ship.

"Far sadder sight than eye can know,  
Than proud bark tossed or sea-man's woe;  
Than battle fire, or tempest cloud,  
Or preybird's shriek or ocean shroud,  
Is the shipwreck of a soul."

Paul said to the captain after it was all over, "You should have hearkened unto me, and done what God told you to do and stayed in port." But the captain was an opinionated old fellow and he thought Paul didn't know. What difference did it make to him anyhow what God had to say about the matter? He thought he knew and that Paul didn't know, and he was determined to have his own way, anyhow. And that's what has damned every soul in the lost world.

You go and talk to some men about becoming a Christian and they will swell up like a pouter pigeon and tip back on their heels and say, "Oh, I've got some opinions of my own." Yes, and your own opinions will wreck your soul and sink it into the fathomless depths of perdition, if you make light of and go counter to what God has revealed to us in His Word about the way to reach the port of the other world in safety.

Listen to me now, I beg of you in Christ's name. Beside Christians there are just three other kinds of people.

First, there are those who are held by some passion or appetite. Second, there are those who are utterly indifferent to Jesus Christ and their own condition.

Third, there are those who are skeptical about the claims of Christ and the reality of the Christian religion.

My friend, if you are not a Christian, you belong to one of these three classes:

### I. Some Sinners Held By Passion or Appetite

Take the first class. There are men with a fire in their bosom that burns like some volcanic blaze; men who are bound, like Prometheus to the rock, while the black vulture of passion eats out the very vitals of their souls.

Merciful God, how many people have I had come to me, men and women, young men and young women, some of them dressed in silks and jewels, and you would never dream what was wrong! They would say, "My God, why didn't I throttle that passion twenty years ago? Why didn't I, in the days that were full of hope, kill the thing that has crept so insidiously into my life? Now it's too late; there's no use to talk to me; all hope that I shall ever be saved is gone."

Ah, but you made a mistake; for there is another thing I can tell you and that is that God's grace and God's power can save to the uttermost the greatest sinner of all the world.

A young man said to me some time ago: "There's no use in talking to me about being a Christian. I have two habits and I'm absolutely under their control. One of them is gambling and it rules over me like a tyrant. I could no more resist the temptation to gamble than I could fly without an airship. The other is lust. My mind is always on it, and I'd hate to tell you where it has led me. I'm too far gone; there's no hope."

Listen! I know a Christ who can save to the uttermost. Let Him come into your life. He knows your need and how to supply it. Call upon Him and He will set you free and give you the victory every hour of your life. Don't lose your soul just because the battle is hard.

"If you are tired of the load of your sin,

Let Jesus come into your heart;  
If you desire a new life to begin,  
Let Jesus come into your heart."

Yes, let Him come in. Give Him a chance at your life, and see what He will do.

### II. Some Sinners Do Not Care

Then look at the second—the class that does not care.

You are not a slave to any passion. You are not an unbeliever in the sense that you are opposed to and bitter against the religion of Christ; but you simply do not care—you are indifferent to the whole thing. There was a time when you did care, when you did think, at least a little, about this matter, but just because you smothered the feeling you had and trifled with the conviction that God gave you then, you are in the condition in which you find yourself today.

You hardened your heart and you have gone on until you have almost stifled the voice of God in your soul, and "weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth" in the place of outer darkness will soon be your portion if you are not soon aroused out of your stupor and unconcern.

But thank God, there is hope even for you. I know a man who knelt at the altar and said, "I've had no thought of Christ for forty years, but my heart has been touched; my heart has been touched tonight!" and Christ saved him then and there.

Oh, man and woman; whoever and wherever you may be, unconcerned about sin and righteousness and judgment and the mercy of God; indifferent to the pleadings of God's Holy Spirit; indifferent to the bleeding sacrifice of the loving Christ; indifferent to the tender interest, the agonizing prayers and burning tears of your loved ones; indifferent to the thought of eternity; while eternity with all its issues of Heaven and Hell is crowding closer upon you than possibly now you think—listen! "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh." Oh, man and woman, let God do that for you, and let Him do it now.

### III. Some Sinners Die in Doubt and Skepticism

But there is a third class—those of you who are skeptical.

You say you have been so long in doubt that you find it impossible to believe. You have tried to understand the supernatural and found you could not grasp it entirely, as if any by searching could find out God. And so, because you couldn't understand, you have gone searching for something that would appeal to you as being a bit more rational, and you have drifted out into the seas of unholiness—into Theosophy, into Spiritualism, into Christian Science, into Baháism, into Agnosticism, or Rationalism, so-called, until friends, who have been concerned about you, have commenced to wonder if all hope that you would be saved was not taken away forever.

Well, it is not strange that you have doubted. Greater minds than yours and mine have done that too.

Have you ever read the experience of George John Romanes. Perhaps you have been so busy reading infidel books that you haven't had time to read anything on the other side. It has been said that Ro-



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Daniel 4 indicates that even he may have been won by the witness of these godly men who would spend everything, even life itself, in witness for God.

"All out" effort caused Stephen to be stoned to death. But it won Paul the Apostle to Christ. He could never get away from the holy, exalted face of Stephen, shining like the face of an angel as they killed him!

"All out" effort compelled Paul to fight lions at Ephesus, left him beaten and stoned as one dead outside the city of Lystra (Acts 14:19). It put him in prison for years. It cost Paul his friends, his honor, his wealth. For Christ, he gave up all thought of home and wife and children and a place in the great Sanhedrin in Jerusalem, so that Paul could say, "I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung" (Phil. 3:8); and again, "Neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 20:24).

Any Christian who is willing to suffer, willing to lose money, willing to lose friends, willing to be made a spectacle as a fool before the multitude in order to win souls, can bring friends to Jesus even as these four men brought the palsied man.

What we need today in soul-winning work is the same zeal with which men in England and Germany risked life itself in defense of home and country. If defense for England and murderous aggression for Germany called for an "all out" effort, how much more does soul-winning work demand all the passion and love of our hearts, and all the money in our pockets and all our toil!

Next, I call your attention to the fact that these four unnamed soul winners broke up a public service. They interrupted public worship. Can you imagine how the sedate Scribes and Pharisees felt when they heard the clatter of tiles, the pulling of nails, the breaking of wood, the talk and commotion? This was not in the "Order of Service!" I am sure that to many it seemed "irreverent," "sensational." The truth is that soul winning does not fit in very well with worship that depends upon stained-glass windows and pipe organ music and soft-carpeted aisles and Orders of Service. All this pomp and ceremony pleases the carnal mind. It is a substitute for spirituality and not the accompaniment of it.

It has always been true that the vigorous work of the Holy Spirit in soul-winning shocks the Pharisees in the churches. Always, when revivals wane, preachers turn into clergymen or "ministers," and living joy and zeal turn into form and ceremony. Instead of the life of the Spirit, congregations feel the deadness of the letter.

I had a letter the other day from a great church wanting me for a revival campaign. They are fine people, fundamental in doctrine, missionary in their giving. But they were greatly concerned about the proposed revival lest there should be too much freedom of personal soul-winning effort in the congregation during the invitation!

I am sure the people were scandalized at those four soul winners. I think the twelve apostles must have been shocked when the roof was broken up and Jesus' sermon stopped, and here comes a big bundle, a bed, let down by the four corners, we suppose, over the people's heads in front of Jesus. What a scramble to get out of the way! What an astonishment on the faces of the people, and what curiosity! That is certainly different from the cut-and-dried formal program, the "Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him," and "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and "Glory be to the Father," sung in unctuous tones and the Lord's Prayer recited by indifferent and well-fed saints while the rest of the world goes to Hell without a tear, without a warning!

Brethren, the sleep of death is on our churches. They are despised by the general public for what they are—a half-hearted, insincere imitation of New Testament Christianity. There is no life nor power. We have our nice little cut-and-dried programs, our "Orders of Service," our trained choirs, our trained ushers who keep step, oh, so nicely, down the aisle with the offering plates. We have our unctuous, oily-tongued preachers who preach smooth things and never offend, never condemn, never blaze in holy indignation, rarely cause either tears of repentance or tears of anger! I would to God that every church service in the country could be broken up by such holy efforts at soul winning as these sweating, grunting, determined, daring men who broke up a service, broke up the roof of a man's house and made of themselves a spectacle before the multitude just to get a sick man healed and to keep a sinner from Hell!

It seems to me that beside such effort as this our work seems puny and half-hearted and insincere. You may be sure it seems the same way to a dying world and to God.

### IV. Miracle-Working Saviour Does The Rest

After the crowds are assembled and expectation is aroused; after these four men brought their friend to the place; after they climbed up on the house and broke in the roof and let down the poor paralyzed, helpless sinner before Jesus, the work is still not done. The man is as sick as ever. He is as dead in sin as ever. He is still utterly lost and undone. The real miracle has not yet happened. But, praise the Lord, it soon did happen! The dear Lord Jesus looked down on that crippled body and saw the troubled soul and said, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." At the end of our strength and after our best efforts, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself does the things we cannot do and saves the soul. Christ always does His part in soul winning.

What a murmur arose in the crowded house and courtyard! "Forgive sins? What blasphemy! How can this man forgive sins? Only God can do that!" So they thought. But the miracle-working Son of God who knew their thoughts said, "Why reason ye these things in your hearts? Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the sick of the palsy), I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house!"

With gleaming eyes and bated breath they watched. The poor paralyzed man looked up in the face of Jesus, faith rushed into his heart; suddenly, with gladness, he sprang up. I can almost see him roll up his bed, take it on his shoulder, and rush off home to tell wife and children the marvel, that he is not only forgiven but healed, saved in soul, and sound in body!

Jesus had to do it! In the first place He had to do it because of the faith of the four men. When He looked up to that jagged hole in the roof, He saw outlined against the sky the eager, trusting faces of the four who had brought their man to Jesus. And the Scripture says, "When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee." I say Jesus had to do it. Their faith compelled it.

We have a way of thinking that the infinite God in His infinite wisdom can settle everything without us. But we forget that God has so planned that man can rule God when he has faith. Faith is a key that unlocks everything Heaven has! Faith is a fairy wand that works miracles and makes all the hosts of Heaven obey. No wonder that Isaiah 45:11 says, "Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me."

Oh, beloved, let us have faith in God! Let us go on with our plow-

ing, our sowing, our watering, and our reaping, knowing that when we have reached the limit of all we can do, God will take it up and break hard hearts and convict vile sinners and save lost souls! The miracle is only waiting for us to do all we can do and get to the end of our strength and then look into the face of the Lord Jesus.

Do you see in this simple story recorded in the second chapter of Mark what faith is? I can see the four men gathered in the invalid's home pleading with him; and I can hear them urging, "I know He will forgive you. I know He will heal you. Why, with my own eyes I have seen Him heal others. With these ears I have heard Him tell the harlot she was forgiven and tell the crooked publican to come and follow Him. You needn't be afraid to risk Jesus; He will do it. I know it!" And the faith that was in the friends' hearts and shined through their faces finally convinced the lost man, and he consented to be carried to Jesus.

And in the midst of all the trouble of finding a way, their hearts burned with this thought, "If we can only get him to Jesus, He will save him! Nobody else can, but Jesus can, and Jesus will! All we need to do is to get him to Jesus!" What did they care about obstacles, or the expense of the broken roof, or of being a spectacle to the crowd and hearing their taunts and shouts and jeers? They knew Jesus Christ would

save and heal!

And if Jesus had failed that day, of course the light would have gone out of their eyes, and the poor cripple would have had to be carried home again, worse instead of better. But Jesus didn't fail that time. And He has never failed any other time. Any time you get a sinner to Jesus, Jesus does the work!

That was why it was so easy for Andrew to get Peter saved. He simply "brought him to Jesus," and Jesus captured his heart and soul and made him chief of the apostles! That is why the poor, blundering new convert, Philip, could get the hungry-hearted but unbelieving Nathanael saved. He stopped arguing and simply said, "Come and see!" And when Nathanael came to see Jesus, Jesus soon put all his doubts to flight and we see Nathanael on his face crying in ecstasy, "Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel!" (John 1:49).

Then don't make alibis saying, "People's hearts are so hard!" Brother, hearts are not hard when Jesus gets hold of them! Drunkards, harlots, convicts, infidels—what does it matter, when the wonder-working Son of God comes to His end of the bargain after anxious-hearted, wholly-surrendered Christians get people under the sound of the gospel and get the Word of God planted in their hearts.

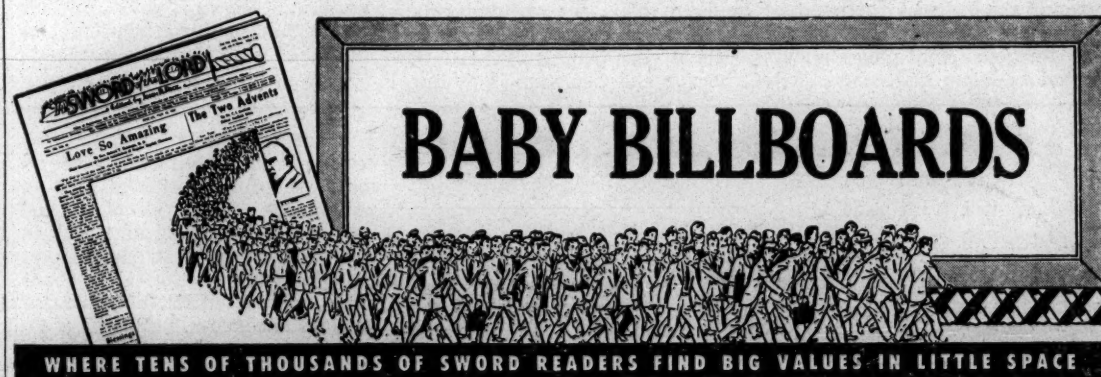
This is what the Saviour meant when He told us to go into all the world, make disciples in all

nations, taking the gospel even to every creature, and then baptize the converts and teach them to take up the holy cycle of soul winning, and then ended this Great Commission with the promise "And, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world!"

With that assurance I can preach and toil and write and sing and do personal work. The Lord Jesus will never leave me alone. He will never leave me in a tight without His help. I do all I can and then the Lord Jesus does the impossible, the miracle of saving souls.

As a young man I learned carefully the plan of salvation. I found it was wonderfully simple—that sinners are just to turn their hearts from sin to trust in Christ and by faith take Him, each one, as his own personal Saviour. And then I thought, "Well, suppose I get somebody to trust the Lord Jesus and then he isn't saved." Well, I decided that if the Lord Jesus failed after I had gotten a sinner to trust Him, then it was His business, not mine; His failure, not mine. But Jesus never failed. He never did and He never will.

So, dear Christian friends, let us carry the word of life to sinners. Let us really make an "all out" effort to win souls. Let us get crowds together for the gospel. Let us sow the seed in every heart, let us go forth with weeping, knowing that the Lord Jesus does the work which we cannot do. Let's get the hard cases to Jesus, and He will save them.



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